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CONGRESSMAN JACKSON VOTES FOR THE ECONOMY

TO GO ON GREEN

Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. voted today in support of H.R. 2454 -- the American Clean Energy and Security Act. He hailed the bill as "landmark legislation ushering in a new age of American ingenuity, independence and leadership."

"We in Congress have joined with President Obama in charting a bold, new course for America. The bill unleashes our national spirit and ambition to meet a vital goal -- for our economy and country to go...on green. This bill will help America lead once again," Jackson said.

He added, "The American Clean Energy and Security Act will revitalize our economy by creating millions of new jobs, increase our national security by reducing our dependence on foreign oil and preserve our planet by reducing the pollution that causes global warming."

H.R. 2454 invests billions in new clean energy technologies and energy efficiencies, including renewable energy, carbon capture and sequestration, electric and other advanced technology vehicles, and basic scientific research and development. It also cuts the use of oil and petroleum products by two million barrels a day in 2030 -- as much oil as we currently import from the Persian Gulf. Furthermore, the bill reduces dangerous pollution by limiting emission from electric utilities, oil refineries, and other major sources.

Jackson said, "In passing this clean energy bill, we choose to create tomorrow's jobs and technology here at home, rather than watching them flee and develop overseas. We choose to clean up and protect the environment, instead of continuing to pollute it. And, we choose a future free of foreign oil, not a greater and greater dependence on it."

The bill also protects consumers, keeps costs low and helps energy-intensive industries like the steel, iron, and paper industries transition to a cleaner, more profitable future.

"Costing the average American household less than a postage stamp per day, this bill generates immeasurable savings for consumers and the country in the long run. That's a small, up-front investment for more jobs, a cleaner planet and a safer world for generations to come," Jackson concluded.

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